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SUBJ: SINALOA RECAP

REF: MAZATLAN'S AIRGRAM A-01, FEBRUARY 2, 1977.

1. ON FEBRUARY 9, THE CONSUL HOSTED A LUNCHEON WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY ADMIRAL AND MRS. FERNANDO MAGANA VERDUGO, COMMANDER OF THE 8TH NAVAL ZONE; GENERAL MARIO CAMPOS BURGOS, COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY GARRISON; COL. JOHN F. STEWART AND MAJOR KENT O. W. STEEN OF THE DAO, MEXICO CITY.
2. THE GENERAL APOLOGIZED FOR ARRIVING LATE AND SAID HE HAD JUST FINISHED PARTICIPATING, ALONG WITH GOVERNOR CALDERON AND OTHER OFFICIALS, IN THE BURNING OF FORTY-FIVE TONS OF MARIHUANA RECENTLY SEIZED AT AT RANCH NEAR MAZATLAN.
3. CONVERSATION LED TO METHODS OF OPERATION UNDER CONDOR 1. CONSUL COMMENTED THAT METHODS EMPLOYED CONFORMED ALMOST EXACTLY TO RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLISHED BY LIC. FORTUNATO ALVAREZ CASTRO, MAYOR OF CULIACAN, AS TO THE REMEDIAL ACTION THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ELIMINATE DRUG TRAFFICKING.

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THE PUBLICATION WAS PREPARED FOR AND DELIVERED TO THEN INCUMBENT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO ON HIS CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH SINALOA IN MAY 1976. (TRANSLATIONS OF THIS PUBLICATION WERE POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY, TO MINISTER COUNSELOR THOMPSON, AND TO THE DEPARTMENT (SCS) VIA AIRGRAM A-18 OF NOVEMBER 18, 1976.) AT THE GENERAL'S REQUEST, CONSUL WILL SUPPLY HIM WITH COPY OF MAYOR'S PUBLICATION RECOMENDING, AMONG OTHER

THINGS, THAT ARMY SHOULD BE PRESSED INTO SERVICE AS MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO ERADICATE PROBLEM.

4. TURNING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, GENERAL CAMPOS BURGOS STATED THAT HIS MEN WERE NOW PATROLLING HIGHWAY 15 ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS.

5. THE CONSULATE HAS RECEIVED NO REPORTS OF HIGHWAY INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. CITIZENS SINCE JANUARY 1977.

6. PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S LOW-KEY VISIT TO SINALOA ON FEBRUARY 7 WAS PRIMARILY TO TRY TO RECONCILE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE LAND OWNERS AND THE CAMPESINOS. ANOTHER UNSTATED PURPOSE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY TO OBTAIN SOME FIRST HAND INFORMATION FROM THE GOVERNOR ON THE PROGRESS OF CONDOR 1.

7. ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE ARMY MEANS BUSINESS IS ITS WHOLESAL PICK-UP OF ALL UNLICENSED VEHICLES IN THE STATE. CONSUL HAS LEARNED THAT SPECIAL TEAM OF FEDERAL AGENTS FROM MEXICO CITY IN COOPERATION WITH MILITARY ARE FLYING OVER ISOLATED AREAS WHERE ILLEGAL CAR CONVERSION ACTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE. THUS FAR, THE DRIVE HAS NETTED AN AGRREGATE OF 300 VEHICLES. CULIACAN TOURIST DELEGATE SUGGESTED CONSUL FURNISH IDENTITY LIST OF ALL CARS STOLEN IN HIGHWAY ASSAULTS. CONSULATE HAS PREPARED SUCH LIST AND CONTACTED MR. CARRILLO, CHIEF OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IN CULIACAN, WHO HAS STATED THAT SPECIAL AGENTS' PURPOSE IS SOLELY TO RECOVER UNLICENSED AND ILLEGAL VEHICLES AND THAT HIS AGENCY WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN THEIR RETURN TO PROPER OWNERS -- THAT THE RETURN ACTION WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBABLY BE TAKEN FROM MEXICO CITY. IDENTITY OF VEHICLES WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH AS ONLY IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS WE HAVE ARE MODEL, YEAR, COLOR AND LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS. THESE MARKINGS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN ALTERED BY ILLEGAL CONVERSION GARAGES. PERSONS ROBBED OF CARS BEING CONTACTED FOR VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION SERIAL NUMBERS. EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DETERMINE HOW IDENTIFIED VEHICLES, IF ANY, CAN BE RECOVERED.
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